

Hello BCC Families,

We are anticipating a wonderful winter concert this weekend. What follows is a detailed itinerary for this weekend's BCC Christmas Concert. If your chorister is NOT taking the bus, be sure to have them at [First Presbyterian Church of Deerfield](#) by **1:00 pm** both Saturday and Sunday. Electronics will be permitted, however BCC will not be responsible for them. Choristers can bring a MESS FREE, NUT FREE snack with them. It is essential for all choristers to stay hydrated! Please be sure to have ALL choristers bring a water bottle with their name on it. Tickets are still available at [barringtonchildrenschoir.org](#) and will also be available at the door.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Happy Reading!

	Saturday, December 15
12:15	Arrive at Station Middle School
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Wearing BCC T-shirt● Water bottle● Mess free, nut free snacks, if desired● Concert Uniform in a LABELED garment bag● Uniform Accessories (shoes, tights, camisoles, pearls, ties, socks, etc. in a LABELED bag or backpack● Hair brush, spray, hair accessories● Books, cards, coloring, or games to play during down time
12:30	Leave for First Presbyterian Church of Deerfield
1:00	Choristers arrive, get settled
1:30	Tech Rehearsal
~5:00	Dinner & Change into Concert Dress
5:30	Rehearsal
6:30	Doors Open
7:00	Concert Begins
9:00	Concert Ends. Parents pick up Grace Notes and Prelude in their rooms, Chamber Choir choristers meet in the lobby

Sunday, December 16	
12:15	Arrive at Station Middle School
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Wearing Concert Dress and ready for group photos ● Water bottle ● Mess free, nut free snacks, if desired ● Books, cards, coloring, or games to play during down time
12:30	Leave for First Presbyterian Church of Deerfield
1:00	Choristers arrive, get settled
1:15	Rehearsal & Group Pictures
2:30	Doors Open
3:00	Concert Begins
5:00	Concert Ends. Parents pick up Grace Notes and Prelude in their rooms, Chamber Choir choristers meet in the lobby

Concert Dress

Chamber Choir:

Ladies - black skirts, velvet tops, black knee-highs/tights, pearls, black ballet slippers

Men - black pants, black shirt, black tie, black socks, black dress shoes.

Prelude Choir:

Ladies - black skirts, velvet tops, black camisole, black knee-highs/tights, black ballet slippers

Men - black pants, black shirt, black tie, black socks, black dress shoes.

Grace Notes:

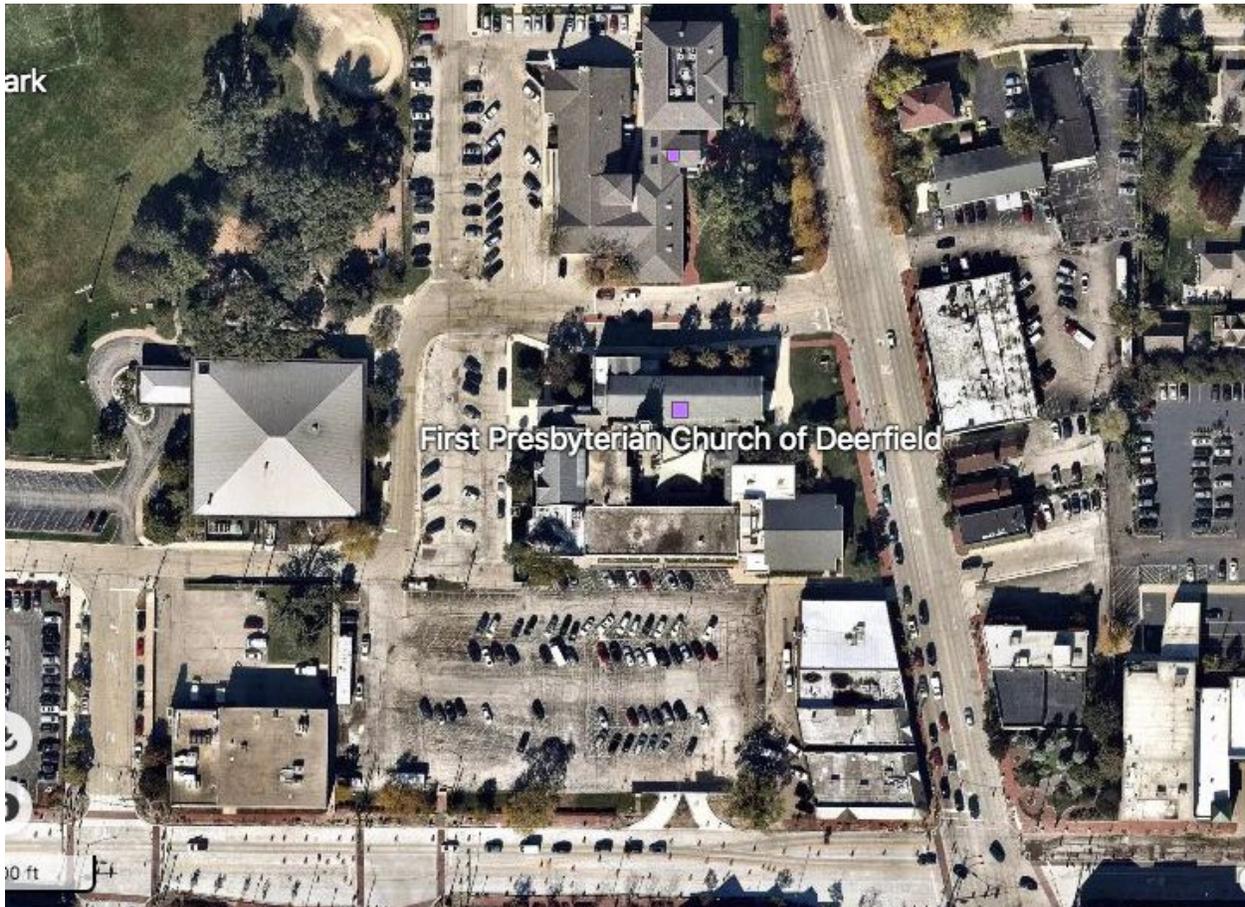
Girls - tea length, solid color, jewel toned dress, nude/flesh toned nylons/tights, black ballet slippers

Boys - White tuxedo shirts, black bow ties, black dress slacks, black socks, black dress shoes

Picture Day is Sunday

Come dressed in Concert Uniform Sunday looking great! We have an amazing parent photographer who will be taking formal group shots and candid on Sunday. They will be available for sale after the new year, once the editing is completed. Instructions on how to order will follow at that time.

Parking



Parking is available on the north, west, and south sides of the church. Accessible parking is available in all lots, but entrance may be easier in the Southeast entrance lot by John Calvin Hall. To enter the Sanctuary directly, use the north entrance, opposite the Deerfield Police Station (Jewett Park Dr.).

Dinner on Saturday

[Tre Amici](#) of Palatine is generously donating dinner for all of our choristers and volunteers that day. The menu is pasta with red sauce, salad, and water. If that will not work for your child, please send a non-refrigerated, nut free meal for them to eat at that time.

Snacks

BCC will provide light snacks in the choral rooms. Choristers may also bring their own snacks, but please make them light, mess free, dairy free, and nut free.

Volunteers

All concert volunteers have been notified this week about start times. We are depending on your help to make this concert a success. Please arrive on time and check in with your assigned

person. There will be a few pews reserved towards the front for those volunteers whose responsibilities were that night or the following day.

Picking up your chorister at the end of the concert

Chamber Choir can meet parents in the church narthex (fancy word for lobby). Grace Notes and Prelude will need a parent to come pick them up from their assigned room. As of today, Grace Notes is upstairs in the Loft and Prelude is in the Youth Room downstairs. There will be ample signage to assist you, as well as ushers.

Seating

Doors will open 30 minutes prior to the start of the concert: 6:30 Saturday and 2:30 Sunday. Seats are not reserved and are on cushioned pews. If you need handicapped seating, please reserve it with Lisa Busse, our Box Office Manager at BCCBoxOffice@gmail.com or see an usher when you arrive.

At this concert, you may choose to seat yourself in the loft or on the floor. While most of the time the choristers are elevated, there may be times you do not see your performer. If seeing someone is a priority, please seat yourself in the loft.

There is reserved seating in a few pews towards the front for up to 2 for the following Volunteers: Cleanup, Setup, Choir Chaperones, Dinner Helpers, Bus Chaperones/Tech rehearsal Chaperones, and Backstage Helpers. Contact [Lara Lynch](#) if you have any questions. Thank you for your time!

Tickets

As of this email, there are tickets available for purchase at the door: Adults: \$20, Seniors/Students \$15. Sunday's performance has slightly more available.

Will Call Tickets - If your ticket is reserved onsite, we can welcome you at any of our ticket tables. Please let them know your name and which party you are affiliated with. If there are any issues, contact [Lisa Busse](#), [Becky Brichta](#), or [Lara Lynch](#).

And Finally...

Concert Etiquette

Barrington Children's Choir is delighted to welcome you to our concert. We thought we'd share a few things to consider about concert etiquette that could make the experience even more enjoyable

When should I applaud?

It is customary to applaud when a director takes the stage the first time that group is performing. It is also customary to applaud at the conclusion of each song. Sometimes the music chosen (or

repertoire) is in movements, and you do *not* applaud between those, even though that movement is over. Watch the director carefully at the end of a song; once her hands or baton have been dropped, it is appropriate to applaud. When there is a vocal solo during the song, try not to applaud at that moment as it drowns out the music (even though she or he was amazing!). The director will acknowledge the soloist at the conclusion of the song and you may applaud even more then!

Late Arrivals or Needed Break

We know you did your very best to arrive on time, and all the close parking spots were already taken. No worries... just wait until the usher indicates it's OK to go to your seat. This will probably be at the end of a song. We want all our guests to enjoy the concert experience and be comfortable, so moving to your seat can be unobtrusive at that time.

If you need to step out, try to wait until the conclusion of the song. But if you must leave during a song, try to do so stealth like! Again, come back when you can in between songs.

Making Noise

Candy wrappers, excessive coughing or sneezing, cell phone use of any kind, dancing in the aisles, and even singing along uninvited (only the director can invite you!) tend to get you side-eyed looks from your neighbors who are also trying to enjoy the music. We ask our concert goers to enjoy the music without any additions. Please do not make any unnecessary noise, but do attend to your needs outside of the performance space.

Cell Phones - Texting, Calls, Emails, etc.

We ask you to not only silence your cell phone, but put it in *airplane* mode. We use the darkness in our performance, and the light emitted will distract your neighbors no matter how awesome they are!

Taking pictures or video

Please *NO FLASH* photography. When taking any video or picture, keep the item at your own eye level. Please do not raise it above your head as that blocks someone else's view. It also respects your neighbor's experience.

We have practiced many hours, days, and weeks to bring you our very best performance today. We hope this helps you enjoy it even more. Please ask for an usher for any assistance you may need.

At our twenty minute intermission, please stand and stretch, enjoy a sweet treat, and purchase raffle tickets and water.